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The Honorable William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence  
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

I have been concerned for some time now with the current state of U.S. counterintelligence. Recent revelations in the media (the Nosenko case, Fedora, Solo, the Cook trial and so forth) have stimulated public concern and, as Chairman of the Subcommittee on Collection and Foreign Operations, I am responsible for oversight of counterintelligence activities.

I realize that Senator Wallop's Subcommittee on Budget Authorization addressed this issue during hearings held on March 25, 1981, and that there was a substantial exchange of questions and answers on counterintelligence within the context of the budget process. My purpose is not to repeat this process or those hearings, nor to delve into specific counterintelligence cases per se.

Rather, I would like to address the broad problem of creating a coordinated national counterintelligence program. I would like your views on how we might best establish a national-level structure that has both the means and the authority to oversee such a broad program.

It would be useful, in this regard, to receive specific details on the organizational structure of our existing counterintelligence community, the numbers of personnel assigned, rotational procedures, training, language capabilities, counterintelligence qualifications, mechanisms for inter and intra-agency coordination and so forth. It would also be useful if you could provide a detailed assessment of what the opposition has working against us in this country, as well as on a worldwide basis. Finally, your views on how we might make this system work better would be appreciated.

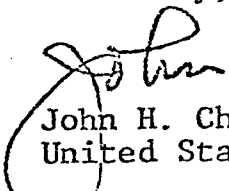
The Subcommittee on Collection and Foreign Operations plans to hold a hearing on this issue at 0930 on Wednesday, October 28, 1981, in Room S-407 in the Capitol. The hearing will be closed.

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I would like to invite you or your representative to testify on this important intelligence issue.

Should your staff have any problems regarding this hearing, please feel free to have them contact Rob Simmons (224-1727), my designee on the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Sincerely,



John H. Chafee  
United States Senator

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